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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Indian Delegation participated in the Conference on Security Policy held in Munich recently;

(b) if so, the details of issues discussed therein;

(c) whether the issue of terrorist attacks in India was discussed in this Conference; and

(d) if so, the details and the views of participating countries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) Yes.

(b) The theme of the 43rd Munich Conference on Security Policy was "Global Crisis − Global Responsibilities". The specific issues discussed were:

(i) Peace and Security in the Greater Middle East;

(ii) Shared Responsibility for Global Challenges;

(iii) Russia's Role in World Politics;

(iv) 50th Anniversary of the EU: A Regional Model for Peace, Security and Welfare?;

(v) NATO in the Age of Global Challenges;

(vi) The Transatlantic Relationship in the 21st Century; and

(vii) International Terrorism and Asymmetric Warfare.

(c) & (d) There was no discussion on terrorist attacks country-wise, including India. However, National Security Adviser, Shri M.K. Narayanan, spoke in the Session on "International Terrorism and Asymmetric Warfare" on the topic of 'Financing of Terrorism'. He dwelt on the issue of terrorism in India, including financing of terrorist acts, in the context of international terrorism, and the role of India in the global fight against this scourge. Other speakers voiced concern regarding acts of terrorism in various parts of the world and the ways to counter them, including the need for enhancing international cooperation.